

From: [Glenn Gillas](#)
To: [Erin Skaar](#); [Rachel Hagerty](#); [David Yamamoto](#); [Mary Faith Bell](#)
Cc: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: IconiPro- Business License Fee within Unincorporated Tillamook County
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 11:21:02 AM

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Commissioners,

I am writing as an individual and small business owner within unincorporated Tillamook County. I am employing seven individuals, and am writing in opposition to the proposed business license fee within unincorporated Tillamook County. My reasons against this proposed license are the following:

- The stated purpose of this ordinance to “Express our appreciation to Tillamook County businesses and share in the celebration of current successes and achievements” is a slap in the face of every business owner by forcing businesses to now pay a fee in order to make an honest living. That is like your mother charging admission for you and your friends to attend your own birthday party!
- Overall purpose of this ordinance is to gain a better insight into what type of business are operating within the county and how to better support them. With that stated:
 - Why then put a \$75.00 tax upon them just to have them fill out a questionnaire? Why not make it a nominal charge of a dollar or two?
 - The application requirements stated within the ordinance, or the proposed application form do not currently reflect this purpose. The form simply collects business contact information, which you could obtain from the State. If you were trying to get information in regards how the County is to support businesses, know what industries they work in, you need to ask more direct questions. I get asked more questions when I get home at the end of the day by my five-year-old than are on this application.
 - Your identification and needs to be more than just contact information if you’re going to try to achieve the stated purpose of this proposed ordinance.
- From reading the proposed ordinance, I do not see any specific enforcement policies to help protect those business who are up on their annual offering from others operating within the county “illegally.”
 - I attended a meeting recently where the business license will be required when pulling a permit with the County. Outside of the Trades, I see no other protection for those playing by the rules.
- What is to prevent the County from significantly raising the prices of this ordinance, putting additional undue strain on small businesses. The County already has trouble enough trying to support businesses, and this will only add to the problem. Let’s kick businesses again with an additional tax, going into the shoulder season with this one!
- The funds from this Ordinance go to the EDC, which in my meeting with their director, was unable to articulate what benefit they have provided to businesses in the unincorporated areas of Tillamook County, outside of distributing COVID relief funds.

Were already strapped for basic services in Unincorporated areas. How about the funds from this ordinance go towards improving basic services like Sheriff's Department coverage to better protect our homes and livelihoods. Funds could be better served going to road improvements for us to be able to travel between our homes and businesses as well as improving shipping and customer access to our businesses. Let's not start on the needs that our schools have, either.

- Just like the TLT funds in unincorporated Tillamook County, the funds generated by this tax are being taken back to the County to fund whatever they like, providing little to no benefit to the Unincorporated areas of our County. This happens to use time and time again.

To conclude, the proposed tax on doing business in unincorporated Tillamook County is written as to provide no benefit to businesses but is designed to be an additional burden on operating in an already difficult economy out here on the Coast. This is simply another way for the County to get additional funding from our unincorporated, underserved communities. This tax, as it currently stands, will not improve, or benefit our businesses or doing business in unincorporated Tillamook County.

Should any of you like to discuss my views on this in greater detail, please reach out.

Thank you.

Glenn Gillas

From: [Mark Lytle](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Read November 30 proposed #88
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:29:45 AM

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To the commissioners and their consideration this is about the proposed business license for unincorporated areas

This is Mark Lytle I own Pacific city fishing and I am opposed to paying for a business license from my perspective it will do no good for the citizens in unincorporated areas if we need business help will reach out to the proper people I think for the last couple years the businesses have suffered greatly And if I add up all the licenses and certifications that I have now which exceed nine I don't need an another layer of bureaucracy if you want to donation let me know otherwise please don't pass a business license , south county already gives a lot of money to Tillamook county.

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Linda Lytle

Mark Lytle

From: [Jodi Nelson](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: NO - business license fee
Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022 4:51:15 PM

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As a small business owner, this state is making it harder and harder to be in business (state tax rates; personal property/business taxes; wages; sick time; liability insurance; housing costs to name a few)!

Let's enable small businesses to remain in Oregon and employ people in the private sector by reducing tax burdens, bureaucracy, regulations and costs, NOT enacting more.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Best regards,

Jodi Nelson
Pacific City, OR

From: [Jodi Nelson](#)
To: [Public Comments](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Fwd: NO - business license fee
Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022 9:53:50 AM

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Hello,

I re-read the 11/04/2022 article in the Pacific City Sun and four thoughts:

1. This perspective is a non-entrepreneurial person: the proposed fees will... "improve the business climate in Tillamook County".
The business climate is NOT improved by additional fees!
2. Small business people go into business because they are decisive, hard-working, intelligent, free people. We do not need "support programs". Nor do we need you to take our money and develop what you think we need.
3. "Push out information on natural disasters". Now natural disaster communication is in the scope of the Chamber? Inaccurate justification for fees.
4. A county commissioner saying they need to develop a list of businesses in their jurisdiction to justify new fees is ludicrous. Go to the Secretary of States website and make list. It is not that complicated!

Best regards,

Jodi Nelson
Pacific City, Oregon

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jodi Nelson
Date: November 5, 2022 at 4:51:00 PM PDT
To: publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us
Subject: NO - business license fee

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